

REMARKS

In the action of January 12, 2005, the examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure, objected to claims 6 and 7; rejected claims 1-6 and 9 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Beier; and rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Beier in view of Graebe.

Applicant has amended the Abstract to specifically delete the single use of the term "means". Further, applicant has amended claims 6 and 7 to correct the examiner's objections to those claims. Withdrawal of those objections is thus respectfully requested.

With respect to the rejection of the claims, in particular claim 1, over the prior art, note that claim 1 includes a cover assembly in which at least one interior chamber section includes loose filling therein. At least one core member is constructed to be insertable and removable from that chamber section, providing the ability to conveniently change the support characteristics of the pillow. Hence, the one chamber into which and from which the core member is moved also includes loose filling, which could be feathers/down or polyester. This is different than the Beier pillow, where there is no loose filling within the chamber which also contains the removable member. Hence, with the article of claim 1, if the core member is removed, there still remains support within that particular chamber. If the removable member is removed from the Beier article, there is no filling at all within that particular chamber.

The structure now set forth in claim 1 is thus quite different structurally from that shown in the references and has functional advantages thereover. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentably distinguished from the references and should be allowed. Since claims 2-9 are dependent upon claim 1, those claims are also allowable.

Also, note new claims 10 and 11. Claim 10 is also directed to a pillow having at least one chamber with a removable core. The cover assembly includes top and bottom portions, at least one of which includes outer and inner layers in which loose filling is located. Beier does not teach or suggest such a structure. Hence, claim 10, and claim 11 which is dependant thereon, are also allowable.

In view of the above, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

This is also to request a one-month extension of time. Enclosed is the required fee of \$110. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or deficiencies or credits to Deposit Account 07-1900.

Respectfully submitted,
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